

**MINUTES OF AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
APRIL 24, 2013**

A public informational meeting regarding the widening and drainage improvements on Kluemper Road from Division Road to State Road 56 was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in the Council Chambers of Jasper City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

Mayor Seitz began the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending this informational meeting. He then introduced the following City officials that were in attendance:

Raymie Eckerle Street Commissioner
Jeff Theising Asst. Street Commissioner
Bob Sunderman Street Dept. Project Technician
Renee Kabrick City Attorney
Chad Hurm City Engineer
Dave Prechtel Councilmember/BPW&S Member
Tim Bell BPW&S Member

Mayor Seitz again thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then turned the meeting over to Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle welcomed and thanked everyone for taking time to attend tonight's meeting and for helping us with this project. Eckerle explained that the City could hire an engineering firm to design this project, but we will design/build it ourselves. Raymie stated "this is your project" and we need your help and input to make the project successful. Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle explained that Jill Cravener is the Street Department's Administrative Assistant and would most likely be the person who would be taking their phone calls with questions and concerns, and to please just leave a brief message and someone would be returning their calls and addressing their questions or concerns.

Eckerle went on to explain that the time frame for the project will be starting this Summer and continue into the Fall and that weather conditions will be a huge factor in the progress of the project. He went on to explain that the entire project would most likely not be finished this year and that all of the storm sewer structure may not be installed this year, but we do expect to have the widening and base asphalt applied and completed this year. "It is good to let the new construction and base asphalt settle before applying surface asphalt next year.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle apologized up front that “we are going to be a pain in the butt” and “there will be inconveniences.” He went on to explain that at times we may have two crews working on the project and plan on doing the project in sections.

Asst. Street Commissioner Jeff Theising explained that before we begin to work in front of a driveway, someone will be contacting and notifying the resident to make sure all vehicles are out of the garage and drive and that we anticipate that everyone will be able to re-enter their drives at the end of the day.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle again explained that the project limits are from Division Rd. to Gregory Lane and that the existing Kluemper Road is currently an approximate 19’-20’ wide and we plan on widening to 26’, similar to the Division Road Project.

Eckerle also explained that the white dashed line on the existing street is the surveyed section line, and that we will attempt to stay with this line when possible and that Kluemper Road should be straight at the completion of this project.

Eckerle then stated that most of the existing storm sewer structure will be replaced with the exception of a few. Side ditches and private storm sewer structure will all be considered and built/tied into the new drainage structure. “There will be challenges” due to the area being so flat and that we will work within our limits when possible and for the most part “the telephone poles are the Right Of Way. He asked for everyone’s cooperation when working with us to stay within the R.O.W. boundaries. “We will try and do our best to stay within the R.O.W., but sometimes to make the project successful we need to step out of the boundaries”. “This will be to the homeowner’s benefit in the end to have things drain, mow and look better”.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle explained that the wooden stakes/lathes that are in the yards now are placed at a 3’ offset from the proposed pavement edge. He continued to explain how there will be rock shoulder and explained that the rock shoulder is needed to support the road edge and any traffic that gets off of the edge of the road. He informed the residents that they can spray the rock shoulder to prevent grass from growing or they can choose to let it grass over and mow it.

The Street Commissioner continued stressing the importance of keeping the project safe.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle mentioned that the Gunselman residence at 513 N. Kluemper Rd. and the Grothouse residence at 30 S. Kluemper Rd. have brick mailboxes and structures that may be affected by the project and that the Street Dept. will accommodate and work with them on these structures.

The Street Commissioner continued with explaining the City's intention of building a 6' walking/riding path along the West side of Kluemper Rd. between Scarlett Oak and Gregory Lane. "This walk path will not be concrete, it will be a 6' extension of the asphalt with some sort of distinction between the Kluemper Rd. southbound driving lane and the walking/riding path.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle told those in attendance that if they would like to see what the finish project will look like they can look at past Street Department projects such as Division Rd., Meridian Rd. (3rd Ave. to College Ave.), E.36th. Street, Mill Street (north of 30th) and 400 West (north of Division).

The Street Commissioner stressed that "we want to hear from you up front", "share your concerns with us as they arise". He continued by explaining that it is the Street Department's intention to replace most of the existing storm sewers and inlets and that we have found and have located most of the city's and private structures by using cameras and smoke testing but we will still need to find the "unknowns". He asked those in attendance to please look at the maps showing the existing storm sewer structure and let us know if there is any other drainage or structure that we need to know about. The Street Commissioner continued to explain how the Street Department will connect their private drains (gutter & sump pump) to the new storm sewer structure and when connecting directly into our storm sewer pipe we will install cleanouts or we will install directly into a yard inlet when possible. He asked residents not to be alarmed if their cleanout or a yard inlet appears high or not low enough to catch storm water, "we will wait to cut structures to finish grade near the completion of the project to ensure proper elevation".

Street Commissioner Eckerle again explained the challenges that the area being so flat will create but "we will get it to drain", we will install french drains with open grade rock to help aid in the drainage of ditches/swales less than 2% grade. Street Commissioner Eckerle told how he and Asst. Street Commissioner Jeff Theising had just attended a workshop explaining how to construct "hybrid ditches" only to realize that the Street Department has been constructing swales/ditches like this for several years already.

Street Commissioner Eckerle told the residents that the Street Department will be taking down their mailboxes and installing them temporarily in 55 gallon barrels during the construction phase and will then install them permanently at the completion of the project. He explained that if a resident wishes to have a new mailbox or post put up, the Street Department will install it for them at completion of project. At this time resident Joe Schoenbachler of 609 N. Kluemper Rd. asked when the City thought the mailboxes would be installed again permanently and Street Commissioner Eckerle & Asst. Street Commissioner Theising stated that it would most likely be this Fall after the Base asphalt has been applied and some grade work has been completed.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle told those in attendance that the Street Department has 35 full time employees and 7 part time summer employees and you will most likely see all of them from time to time but you will regularly see designated/regular crews on the project along with contractor J.H. Rudolph employees with whom the City will be working with us and assisting in the widening and doing the paving work. Street Commissioner Eckerle promised everyone that the Street Department employees are good at what they do and that they take pride in their work and he guarantees the project will be right when we are finished. He also admitted that “we will screw up” and we will be engineering as we go.

Asst. Street Commissioner Jeff Theising added that if you request a new mailbox we will gladly install it, but if it requires complex/lengthy assembly, you will be required to have it assembled prior to the installation.

Theising then discussed that during the project there will be dirt excavated and hauled off, and some of you will probably like to have some of this dirt, but explained that it is not good dirt or as good as it may look. “This dirt will have rock, sand, clay and brick in it”, “you do not want this dirt” and he has instructed his crews that we will not be giving this dirt away. If you think you have to have some of this dirt, please contact him and he will decide if we should dump at your request.

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle explained how we have worked with City Engineer Chad Hurm and the engineering department to determine pipe sizes needed to properly carry the run-off capacity.

At 7:00 p.m. Asst. Street Commissioner Theising began to explain the large aerial maps that were displayed on the wall of the Council Chambers. He then stated that the maps are “just a piece of paper”, “they can be changed and they will change”. He explained how the maps are broken down into one half of the project so they can be read and remain manageable. He went on to explain and describe what the different color lines on the map represent and how the proposed center line is represented on the map.

Theising explained that in some places the Street Department will be removing and replacing some storm sewer that appears to be in good condition such as in front of Mike Meyer’s home at 471 S. Kluemper Rd. because it is single wall plastic pipe and will surely cause problems in the future and went on to explain the problems and troubles that come from the use of single wall corrugated pipe.

He continued to explain that we will be replacing and installing mostly 24” plastic HDPE N-12 yard inlet risers and in some places such as near intersections or in the radius of an intersection we may build/construct concrete masonry inlet boxes to properly handle vehicular traffic.

Street Commissioner Eckerle told those in attendance that he's sure they have all noticed flags in their yards and that we will try to keep the located utility marks freshly painted to aid residents when mowing their yard. He also explained why some of the residences may have holes in their yards filled with sand and this is because this is where we have hydro-excavated down to a known utility to find its exact location and its elevation. He continued by stating that there may be times when we may have to have a utility's location shifted or moved in order to make everything work. Jeff Theising added that there are a few places where we have not located a few utilities, but assured that we will find them one way or another.

Street Commissioner Eckerle again explained the maps on the walls, and asked everyone to look at them and if you do not have time to look at them tonight, we would be glad to meet with you and discuss. Mr. Eckerle continued by explaining that it is our intention to start on the south end of the project near Division Rd. and work our way north

At this time Street Commissioner Eckerle asked everyone that when asking a question to please state your name and address so we can keep accurate notes and report.

Asst. Street Commissioner Jeff Theising explained that we may not know where all of your private gutter drains and sump pump discharges are at, but please let us know their location if you know, also if the homeowner would like to install and run new gutter drains or sump pumps now would be a good time, "just get them ran to the street and we will tie them into our new sewer when we come thru".

Councilman Dave Prechtel stated that the question has been asked "why doesn't the City contract the project out and go to bid" Street Commissioner Eckerle stated "simply because it is much more simple and less expensive this way" "there are too many unknowns and a contractor would have to bid high to cover unidentified expenses. Street Commissioner Eckerle added that our guys take a lot of pride in what they do and are very good at what they do, not saying that you may not occasionally see them taking a break in the shade, but they are very good at what they do.

At this time residents were encouraged to ask questions and to please identify themselves and their address.

- Hugh Mattingly 160 Kluemper Rd. asked about how the walking path will be built? R.J.E. & J.T. both explain where the walk path will be located and should connect Red Oak Estates with Deer Creek.

- Hugh Mattingly 160 Kluemper Rd. asked to explain the proposed width of the new street. R.J.E. explained that we intend to have two 13' driving lanes for a total width of 26' with an additional 2' of rock shoulder along each side of the street.
- Hugh Mattingly 160 Kluemper Rd. asked why there will not be curbs installed. R.J.E. explained that it would make the project too expensive and it would be difficult to design/build curbs in an existing neighborhood where everything is already established. "most of you wouldn't like the end product if we installed curbs".
- Steve Lindauer speaking for his mother Marcella Lindauer 5498 Division Rd. asked how the drainage pattern flows. J.T. explained by illustrating how the drainage is anticipated to flow by using the maps on the wall.
- Steve Lindauer speaking for his mother Marcella Lindauer 5498 Division Rd. asked what size pipe we will be installing. R.J.E. & J.T. explain that we will be using 12" HDPE N-12 pipe in most places and that we do not use anything smaller than 12" pipe. R.J.E. also explained that we have worked with City Engineer Chad Hurm and Chad has had some good ideas on how to control some of the water and in a very heavy rain you may actually see water "puke out" of the inlets in order to relieve some of the water.
- Steve Lindauer also stated that he lives on Division Rd. and he can't say enough good about the Division Rd. project. He has noticed how we often return to re-seed an area or continue to make improvements as the project winds down. Mr. Lindauer stated that "if the Kluemper Rd. project turns out half as good as the Division Rd. project he will be pleased". R.J. E. stated that "the Street Department does not do things just half".
- Melissa Osterman 1607 Kluemper Rd. stated that she has brought pictures and asked about the drainage near her home at the s/w corner of Kluemper & Gregory Lane. She explained how she thought that there was a 15" storm sewer that was necked down to a 4" storm sewer. R.J.E. & J.T. explained how we are aware of this issue and how or why something was built like this, no one knows, but feels that with the proposed design, the City believes that some of this water entering the current 15" sewer can be relieved.
- Rick Gunselman 513 N. Kluemper Rd. stated that he understands why the City wants to build a walk path for safety & utilization reasons but he preferred it would not be in his yard. He continued by asking "what will the speed limit be?" R.J.E. explained that to his knowledge it will remain 25mph, and that all Jasper City streets are 25mph unless changed by the City Council and the City Ordinance is changed. R.J.E. stated that he feels that the speeding issues on Division Rd. have lessened up some, and a resident spoke out that the speed limit on Division Rd. was increased by 5mph to 30mph. R.J.E. again explained that all City of Jasper streets are 25mph limit unless changed by ordinance and that there are a few streets that have been changed, "it will be up to the Police Department to enforce the speed limit", "the Street Department is on the cost/spending end and the Police Dept. is on the revenue end".
- Julie Flynn 433 N. Kluemper Rd. asked about the 13' asphalt driving lane and the additional 6' of asphalt walking path. J.T. explained that if she would look at the current

wood stake/lathe that is in her yard now, the edge of the proposed walk path will be 3' from the stake.

Street Commissioner Eckerle also explained that the Street Department knows that there is an issue to work out by Ronnie & Dave Kluemper's and Boehman's, and that they will be working with them on this.

Street Department Project Technician Bob Sunderman explained that there will be times when the Street Department will need to renew the Indiana Underground Locates and that there will be locate flags in their yards and asked to please not move them because we dig by the flags that represent an underground utility such as phone, electric, gas line etc... Asst. Street Commissioner Jeff Theising then explained what the color of each flag represents.

- Tim McNelis 701 N. Kluemper Rd. asked what Huntingburg Gas Department is currently doing by his house between Gregory Ln. & HWY 56. J.T. & Bob S. explain that they believe that H'burg Gas had a leak and that it has been repaired. R.J.E. then included explaining that the Street Department has a good working relationship with all of the utility companies and that on a lot of projects we work with our own City of Jasper Departments but on this Kluemper Rd. project we will be working with Dubois R.E.C., H'burg Gas, & Ireland Water and have a good relationship with all. R.J.E. also explained that we have very good operators and they can often notice or feel when digging close to a buried utility and that sometimes we will use our hydro-excavator to locate utilities. R.J.E. stated that he's not sure if there are any fiber-optic communication lines in the project limits "but you do not want to hit or damage one".

Asst. Street Commissioner Jeff Theising bragged on the Street Department crews, "they are good at what they do" and explained a few minor incidents and missed drain on the Division Rd. Project. "I call them my "A Crew", but actually I call all of my crews the "A Crew" and I am very proud of them".

- Steve Lindauer speaking for his Mother Marcella Lindauer 1584 Division Rd. asked about the ditch along his mother's yard. R.J.E. explained that we try to use the mindset of "would we like this in our yard?" He continued to explain that we must keep a swale for drainage and to keep the water off of the street, and that we try to construct a swale with at least a 2% grade of fall and in instances where we can't, this is when we construct French drains using open grade rock to aid in drainage.

Street Commissioner Eckerle explained that the Street Department uses a fine leaf fescue when re-seeding and making yards. "this fine leaf fescue is more drought resistant and does a good job, if

you would like something different in your yards, you will need to supply it and we will plant/sow it”.

- Rick Gunselman 513 N. Kluemper Rd. asked if we have marked or determined where the radius will be on intersections such as his home at Kluemper & 5th. R.J.E. explained that the actual radius has not been marked but we need to be careful with radius because “traffic will always stretch and get off of what we build”. R.J.E. continued with discussing how he hopes to recommend that truck traffic be kept off of Kluemper Rd. Several residents mentioned that there are a lot of trucks on their road. R.J.E. plans on recommending to the Jasper Board of Public Works and Safety that Kluemper Rd. not be open to thru truck traffic.
- Nick Kress 569 N. Kluemper Rd. asked about the existing drainage in his yard and expressed his concerns regarding the water runoff coming out of the City-owned Lechner Property. R.J.E. explained that there will be 4 additional inlets added to hopefully help alleviate some of this runoff, and whatever becomes of the City-owned Lechner Property there will be a drainage plan with retention area designed to control that properties storm water before leaving site. City Engineer Chad Hurm agreed by stating that whatever becomes of the property, the drainage will be looked at and adjusted accordingly. Resident Nick Kress then asked, “will additional storm sewers help, or should we be looking at the City owned Lechner Property runoff now? Chad Hurm again replied that he feels that the proposed Kluemper Rd. design will improve things. R.J.E. stated that he hopes we have not eluded his question but there are too many unknown factors regarding the City/Lechner Property at this time, and we will strive to make things better.

Mayor Seitz mentioned that with the City’s recent purchase of the Country Club Property, the City may consider selling the City-owned Lechner Property. The Park Department and Park Board have been asked to make their recommendation to the City Council on what to do with or how to utilize the land, this recommendation may come sometime in May and the final decision will rest with City Council, but whatever happens with the land it will have its own drainage design plan.

7:45 P.M. the meeting breaks up and residents begin to look at the “existing and proposed maps” and ask questions and share concerns with City Employees. The meeting is completely over at 8:30 P.M.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 14th day of May, 2013.

Mayor Terry Seitz

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

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